

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today announced the award of funding to the Alabama State Port Authority from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant, totaling \$3,268,967, is being made available through the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and will be used to enhance security.

"I am extremely pleased this funding was approved for the Alabama State Port Authority," Bonner said. "The security of America's ports is of major concern for local, state, and federal officials. This funding will be of tremendous benefit in securing these facilities from outside threats and in providing a greater sense of security for the employees and residents in the surrounding areas."

The Port Security Grants Program provides resources for security planning and overall dockside and perimeter improvement for national seaports deemed to be critical by the Department of Homeland Security.